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Parisian nurseries and schools. The series includes at least 100 subjects of each sex for every year of life, which insures the value of the averages. The study is the first of its nature made in France; Godin's well known observations were made on older individuals.

The results agree in the main with those of measurements of white children in other countries.¹ Up to the end of their eleventh year the girls are shorter than the boys; between their eleventh and twelfth years they pass the boys in this regard, and continue taller until after their fourteenth year, after which they are definitely passed by the boys. In weight the physiological excess of the female children becomes marked even earlier and they exceed the boys from the end of the ninth to a little beyond their fifteenth year.

A comparison of these data with those obtained by Professor C. P. Bowditch on Boston children shows that between the ages of thirteen and sixteen the Parisians slightly exceed the Americans in height. This can very likely be attributed to earlier puberty in the French adolescents.

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Anthropometric data on the Norwegians.—Messrs. Daae report² the results of measurements, by military surgeons, of 3,955 recruits of between 22 and 23 years of age.

The data show that the average stature of the Norwegians of that age is 172.1 cm. The tallest men are in the district of Jarlsberg-Larvik (173.4 cm.), the shortest in the district of Finmarken (168.5 cm.).

The mean arm-spread amounts to 178.2 cm., and is to stature as 103.55 to 100. It is relatively shortest (102.2 to 100) in the Bergenhus-Sud district, peopled by fishermen who all the year around work with oars.

Height sitting was found to average 91.2 cm., bearing a relation to stature as 52.98 to 100. The proportion is smaller (52.46) among the tallest men, and larger (53.61) among those of the shortest stature.

The mean circumference of the chest is 87.3 cm., ranging in the districts from 86.2 to 89.6. The relation it bears to stature is as 51.04 to 100.

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¹ See the *American Naturalist*, XXXIII, July, 1899, p. 605 et seq.

² Sur la taille, l'envergure, le périmètre thoracique et la hauteur du buste chez les populations de l'intérieur et de cotes de la Norvège. Par M. A. Daae et le Dr. H. Daae. Bull. & Mém. Soc. d'Anthrop. Paris, Vme Sér., VII, No. 3, 1906, pp. 158-164.